

Commercial Driver Licensing (CDL): **ELDT Requirement**

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Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) Requirement

Effective Feb. 7, 2022, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) regulations are required:

FMCSA ELDT regulations set the baseline for training requirements for entry-level drivers. ELDT must be completed with a training provider registered with FMCSA. ELDT requirements apply to an applicant to:

- Obtain a Class A or Class B CDL for the first time. This requires that the ELDT be completed before being allowed to take the CDL skills test;
- Upgrade an existing Class B CDL to a Class A CDL. This requires that the ELDT be completed before being allowed to take the CDL skills test; or
- Obtain a school bus (S), passenger (P), or hazardous materials (H) endorsement for the first time. This requires that the ELDT be completed before taking the (S) and (P) endorsements CDL skills test, and requires the ELDT be completed before taking the (H) endorsement knowledge test.

Exceptions:

The ELDT regulations are not retroactive; the entry-level driver training requirements do not apply to individuals holding a valid CDL or an S, P, or H endorsement issued prior to Feb. 7, 2022.

If an applicant who obtains a CLP prior to Feb. 7, 2022, obtains a CDL before the CLP or renewed CLP expires, the applicant is not subject to the ELDT requirements.

Any individual who meets one of the exceptions for taking a skills test in 49 CFR Part 383 is also exempt from the ELDT requirements.

For the complete and latest up-to-date information on ELDT, visit the FMCSA [website](#).

For further information on ELDT, visit the Hawaii Department of Transportation [website](#).

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